

Nevada Health Response

COVID-19 PANDEMIC Weekly Situation Report

Friday, October 2, 2020



**NEVADA
HEALTH
RESPONSE**

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COVID -19 Nevada Statistical Data

For additional statistics visit [Nevada Health Response](#)

Total Tests

1,068,802
+10,560

Confirmed Cases

81,182
+ 772

Deaths

1,609
+ 6

Tests per 1,000 per week*

14.8

Daily Positivity Rate*

9.9%

Cumulative Positivity Rate*

9.8%

Please reference technical notes page for updated methodology.

Current Hospitalizations

Confirmed

Suspected

326
+9

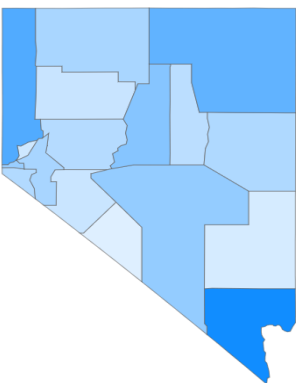
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Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

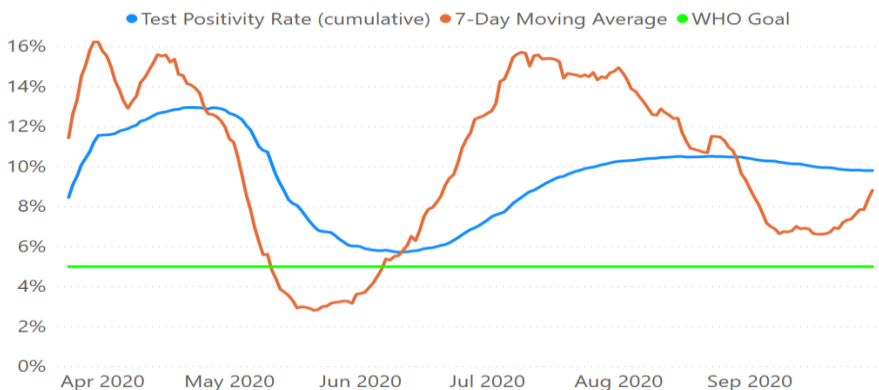
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Hospitalization data are not updated on Sundays or holidays.

County	Population	Tests	People Tested	Cumulative Positivity Rate	Total Cases	Case Rate per 100,000	Deaths	Death Rate per 100,000
Carson City	56,546	23,621	15,748	3.4%	560	990.3	8	14.1
Churchill	25,876	7,915	5,723	2.9%	154	595.2	3	11.6
Clark	2,318,174	829,474	533,680	10.8%	68,162	2,940.3	1,400	60.4
Douglas	49,695	7,382	5,965	3.9%	315	633.9	1	2.0
Elko	54,985	12,981	9,670	6.8%	989	1,798.7	10	18.2
Esmeralda	974	147	109	0.0%	0	0.0	0	0.0
Eureka	1,966	366	184	3.0%	10	508.6	0	0.0
Humboldt	17,062	3,113	2,538	9.0%	130	761.9	4	23.4
Lander	5,996	1,819	1,338	6.2%	76	1,267.5	1	16.7
Lincoln	5,200	559	411	1.4%	7	134.6	0	0.0
Lyon	57,987	6,945	5,302	5.1%	447	770.9	7	12.1
Mineral	4,561	2,043	1,267	2.3%	14	307.0	0	0.0
Nye	48,864	7,454	5,038	10.2%	519	1,062.1	15	30.7
Pershing	6,962	4,480	2,904	0.6%	22	316.0	0	0.0
Storey	4,465	182	145	1.1%	10	224.0	0	0.0
Washoe	478,155	145,161	105,855	7.4%	9,696	2,027.8	159	33.3
White Pine	10,586	7,406	3,675	1.6%	71	670.7	1	9.4



Test Positivity Rate (cumulative), 7-Day Moving Average and WHO Goal
Specimen Collection Date

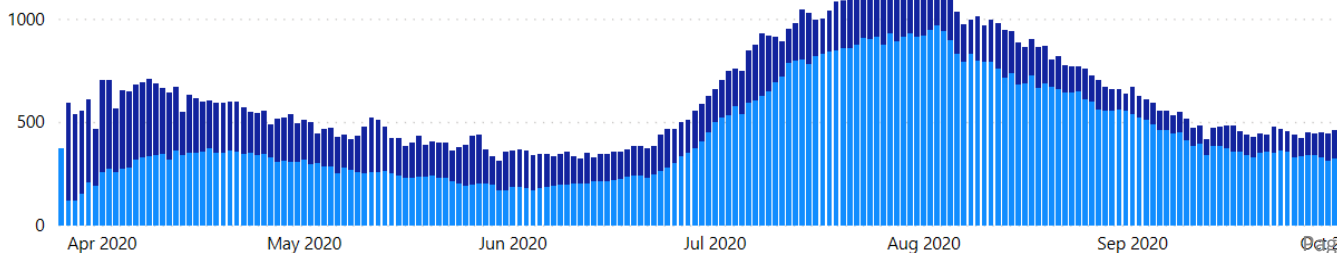


Percent Change

Date	Test Positivity Rate (cumulative)	Test Positivity Percent Change
09/30	9.8%	0.0%
09/29	9.8%	-0.0%
09/28	9.8%	-0.2%
09/27	9.8%	0.0%
09/26	9.8%	0.0%
09/25	9.8%	-0.2%
09/24	9.8%	-0.2%
09/23	9.9%	-0.2%
09/22	9.9%	-0.5%
09/21	9.9%	-0.3%
09/20	9.9%	-0.0%
09/19	9.9%	-0.0%
09/18	10.0%	-0.2%
09/17	10.0%	-0.3%
09/16	10.0%	-0.4%
09/15	10.0%	-0.4%
09/14	10.1%	-0.5%
09/13	10.1%	-0.0%
09/12	10.1%	-0.0%
09/11	10.1%	-0.2%
09/10	10.2%	-0.3%

Confirmed and Suspected Hospitalizations by Date

Confirmed Suspected

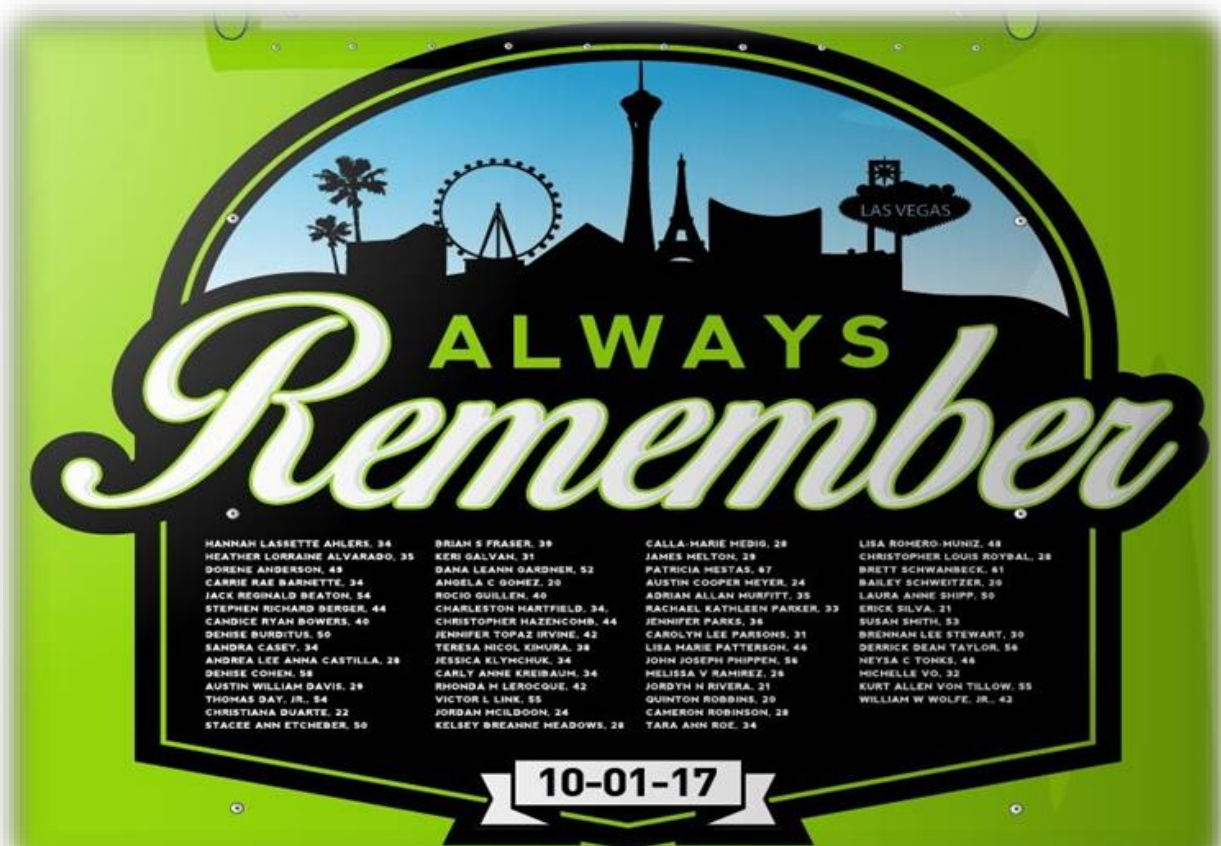




Yesterday, Governor Steve Sisolak recognized Thursday, October 1 as "Vegas Strong Day in Nevada" and ordered Nevada State flags be flown at half-staff at all State public buildings in tribute to the victims of the October 1, 2017, shooting at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival in Las Vegas.

The proclamation also recognized the first responders, law enforcement officers, faith-based organizations, counselors and volunteers who provided support during and after the attack in which 58 people were killed and hundreds more injured.

"On the anniversary of this horrific and senseless violence, we honor everyone involved that helped us get through these tragic times. The victims of this senseless act of violence, their families and friends will forever be in our hearts and prayers" Gov. Sisolak said. "The outpouring of love, kindness, and support locally, statewide, nationally, and worldwide will never be forgotten. Because of this support and the endurance of those in our community to protect one another and to heal together, we will forever be 'Vegas Strong.'"



Governor's Directives and Declarations

Complete list of Directives and Declarations

- [Declaration of Emergency Directive 033 – Updated Guidance for Safe Gatherings](#)
- [Nevada Guidance for Safe Gatherings – Celebrations, Ceremonies, and Events](#)
- [Large Gathering Venue COVID-19 Preparedness & Safety Plan Submission Guide](#)
- [Places of Worship, Life-Rites Ceremonies and Gatherings – Celebrations, Ceremonies, and Events](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidance for Gatherings at Private Residences](#)
- [Comprehensive List of Screening Documents](#)
 - ✓ [COVID-19 Screening for Employees Guide](#)
 - ✓ [COVID-19 Screening for Employees Guide \(Spanish\)](#)
 - ✓ [COVID-19 Screening for Employees – Sign In Sheet](#)
 - ✓ [COVID-19 Screening for Employees – Sign In Sheet \(Spanish\)](#)
 - ✓ [COVID-19 Screening for Visitors Guide](#)
 - ✓ [COVID-19 Screening for Visitors Guide \(Spanish\)](#)
 - ✓ [COVID-19 Screening for Visitors – Sign In Sheet](#)
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- [Comprehensive List of Signage Documents](#)
 - ✓ [Capacity Signage – Landscape](#)
 - ✓ [Capacidad Limitada Signage – Landscape](#)
 - ✓ [Capacity Signage – Portrait](#)
 - ✓ [Capacidad Limitada Signage – Portrait](#)
- [Directive 031 – Extension of Residential Evictions Moratorium \(08-31-2020\)](#)
 - ✓ [Guidance for Tenants and Landlords Under Directive 031 – FAQs](#)
 - ✓ [Orientación para inquilinos y propietarios según la Directiva 031 – Preguntas frecuentes](#)
- [Declaration of Emergency Directive 030](#)
 - ✓ [COVID-19 County Tracker](#)
- [Road to Recovery: Moving to a New Normal](#)
- [Declaration of Emergency Directive 029](#)
- [Declaration of Emergency Directive 028](#)
- [Declaration of Emergency Directive 027](#)
- [Declaration of Emergency 026](#)



Getting tested for COVID-19

Testing is crucial to help treat, isolate or hospitalize people who are infected. Testing also is important in the bigger public health picture on mitigation efforts, helping investigators characterize the prevalence, spread and contagiousness of the disease.

COVID-19 data and test results that include people who don't show symptoms ("asymptomatic") can provide a more accurate understanding of how the virus is spreading. Identifying asymptomatic cases provides information on how the virus impacts the communities in Nevada.

Expanding testing plays a major part in influencing the state's continuous adjustment of prevention and control measures. Additional testing gives officials the ability to inform Nevadans of their conditions, knowledge that could contribute to focused social distancing and further slowing community transmissions.

Testing location information is provided and maintained by [Castlight: COVID-19 Resource Center](#). (Locations are not endorsed or vetted by the NV Department of Health and Human Services.) Testing sites can be searched by specific location or county. For more information call Nevada 2-1-1.

Call the testing site or your health care provider before you go for testing. [Report incorrect information about testing sites here](#).



Medicaid covers COVID-19 testing for most uninsured Nevadans. Most who are either uninsured or enrolled in a limited benefit Medicaid eligibility group may be eligible for coverage. There is no resource or income test for this group. In addition to being uninsured (enrolled in a limited benefit Medicaid eligibility category), individuals must be Nevada residents, a U.S. citizen, or have qualifying immigration status and provide a social security number to qualify. [Apply here](#).



CONTACT TRACING



Contact tracing gives health officials the information needed to draw a road map of how coronavirus is traveling throughout Nevada. This procedure aims to identify and alert people who have come into contact with a person infected. Your information will not be shared. The process begins at the point one of the health departments receives a positive lab report. If you get a phone call from a contact tracer, they will identify themselves and ask you for specific information. Help Nevada slow the spread and answer the call.

Contact tracing involves:

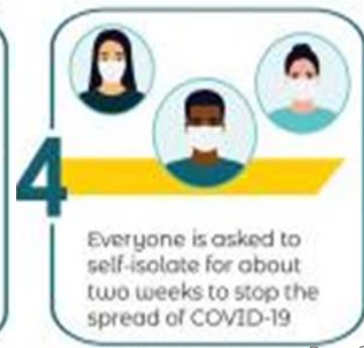
- Interview infected people to identify everyone they had close contact with
- Collect data on each case (discuss initial symptoms, when they were most infectious, what they did on those days, who they interacted with for at least 15 minutes within 6 feet of each other).
- Follow-up with identified contacts and advocate they follow CDC health guidance.
- Notify contacts of their potential exposure and refer contacts for testing.
- Monitor contacts for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- Connect contacts with services they might need during the self-quarantine period.
- Monitor smartphone usage to determine who has been in contact with an infected person.



Contract tracers will not ask for:

- Social Security Number
- Money
- Salary Information
- Bank, credit card, insurance or financial information
- Ask about your citizenship
- Offer to sell you a COVID test kit

How Contact Tracing Works



COVID Trace App

A free, easy-to-use mobile phone app that gives health officials the information needed to fight COVID-19, without compromising your privacy.

COVID Trace is a contact tracing mobile app developed by the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services that uses a technology called the Exposure Notifications System from Google and Apple. The app exchanges anonymous information with other phones in your vicinity and can notify you if you've come in contact with someone who has tested positive.

- ✓ The app uses Bluetooth to exchange random codes with nearby phones.
- ✓ Every day, it checks a list of random codes from people who tell the app they tested positive.
- ✓ If it finds codes that match, the app notifies you that you've been exposed and explains what to do next.



How it works:

- ✓ Download the free COVID Trace app from the Apple or Android app store.
- ✓ Once you opt-in, the Exposure Notifications System will generate a random ID for your device. To help ensure these random IDs can't be used to identify you or your location, they change every 10-20 minutes.
- ✓ Your phone and the phones around you will work in the background to exchange these privacy-preserving random IDs via Bluetooth. This is a passive process that begins once you opt-in and functions without the app open.
- ✓ Your phone periodically checks all the random IDs associated with positive COVID-19 cases against its own list.
- ✓ If there's a match, the app will notify you with further instructions from the Department of Health and Human Services on how to keep you and the people around you safe.

Protecting your community. And your privacy.

With the COVID Trace app, you don't have to choose between your privacy and the health and safety of your community. The app was designed to protect and preserve your privacy. It doesn't use GPS and can't share your location or information.

No one will know:

- ✓ Your location, name or address
- ✓ Your health information
- ✓ Who you met
- ✓ Who tested positive

Download now for free.



[Learn more about how the COVID Trace works](#)

Protect Yourself From Influenza During the COVID-19 Pandemic



Some of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, making it hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. Diagnostic testing can help determine if you are sick with flu or COVID-19. The first and most important step in preventing flu is to get a flu vaccination each year. CDC also recommends everyday preventive actions (like staying away from people who are sick, covering coughs and sneezes and frequent handwashing) to help slow the spread of germs that cause respiratory (nose, throat, and lungs) illnesses, like flu.

About two weeks after vaccination, antibodies develop that protect against influenza virus infection. Flu vaccines will not protect against flu-like illnesses caused by non-influenza viruses. There are tests available to diagnose the flu from other viral or bacterial causes of respiratory illnesses.



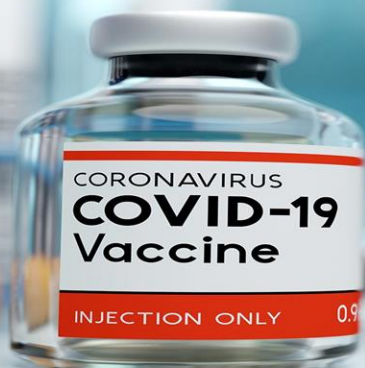
Anyone can get the flu (even healthy people), and serious problems related to the flu can happen at any age, but some people are at high risk of developing complications if they get sick.

This includes:

- Children younger than 5, especially under 2 years
- Adults 65 years of age and older
- Pregnant women (and women up to 2 weeks postpartum)
- Residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- People with chronic medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease)
- People with weak immune systems from disease or medication (such as those having chemotherapy for cancer)
- American Indians and Alaskan Natives

The Nevada State Immunization Program is attempting to contact tribal partners across the state to seek their input on how each would like to receive vaccine allocation. Tribal jurisdictions have the option to receive vaccine from the state of Nevada or the federal government.

Questions: Contact Teneale Chapton
tchapton@health.nv.gov





Battle Born Business Nominations

Recognizing Nevada businesses that enhance guidelines to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Not to be left speechless, Alpine Speech Therapy has found a way to navigate the COVID-19 health services environment while evolving therapy in a profound way. Community training and education is now done online through telehealth. We have been able to safely provide families with young children training, guidance, and one-on-one therapy through a safe, secure online portal. Patients across the lifespan receive coaching and therapy in the comfort and safety of their own homes, eliminating the need for costly and time-consuming travel and the risk factors of entering the community.

"I myself am immunocompromised," said Heather Areshenko of Alpine Speech Therapy. "Therefore, because of my own health situation, I have always been cautious. Now we feel that we are all in this together." Regarding the changes that have kept us conversational during this tough time, Heather said, "I miss being in person with the kids, I have been working with children for a long time, but it's ok, this is just another challenge that we will get through."

Heather says that she hopes teletherapy is an option that will continue to be available to those with chronic illness and special needs, and the success of telehealth in this pandemic will hopefully create equity for those who might benefit from this modality in the future.



Las Vegas Walking Tours has stepped up when it comes to guests' safety. The business offers group walking tours through Downtown Las Vegas, the Fremont East District and the Las Vegas Arts District, accompanied by a guide who communicates to guests via headsets. COVID-19 forced the business to close temporarily in the spring, but when it was cleared to open this summer, Las Vegas Walking Tours had several measures in place to prevent the virus from spreading.

Guests must wear face masks and maintain six feet of distance between others on the tour, and headsets are cleaned with a portable sanitizer using UV-C light in addition to being sanitized with other disinfectants. "People feel safe," said Audrey Fairchild, who owns the business with her husband, Kelly. "The guide can stay far away from the guests; everybody's wearing face masks."

Send nominations with a photo and description to: BattleBornBizNV@gmail.com.

My Coronavirus Story

Share your story, at: NVcovidStory@gmail.com

Growing up on the mean streets of Brooklyn, N.Y., Staff Sgt. Terrence “Johnny” Oliveira said he was involved in countless brawls and scuffles. But Oliveira, a soldier in the Nevada Army National Guard, said those adolescent tussles were nothing compared to his 19-day battle with COVID-19, which left him bedridden for weeks and caused him to drop 20 pounds.

Oliveira, who lives in Reno, was the first Nevada Army Guard Soldier to test positive for COVID-19 and is now one of 7,885 people to fully recover from the virus in Washoe County as of Sept. 28. More than 150 people have died of COVID in the county, according to the Washoe County Regional Information Center.



“The virus is nothing to be taken lightly,” Oliveira said in April. “When you have the coronavirus, you feel helpless. There is nothing you can do about it. There is not much the doctors can do for you.”

Oliveira said he believes he caught the coronavirus during a meeting at a residential treatment center in Reno in late March. He said several residents at that center came down with COVID-19 in March and April and one staff member died.

Oliveira was tested on March 31 by the Washoe County Health District and received his positive test result on April 1.

Coincidentally, Oliveira was in Orlando, Fla., on March 15 and was at Disney World with his family on the final day the park was open before its closure on March 16.

Oliveira said he began to feel ill on March 28. He had all of the classic symptoms of coronavirus, including a headache, body aches and coughing spells. He also claimed to have no sense of taste and smell and he quickly dropped from 195 to 175 pounds.

“It was surreal because every symptom the doctors mentioned – I had all of them,” Oliveira said. “I was able to breathe OK, I never felt like I was suffocating.” Oliveira said it was about three weeks before he began to feel well.

“I feel 100 percent now and am quickly gaining all the weight back,” Oliveira said in April.

Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Call 2-1-1 or visit nevada211.org for information and referrals to health, human and social service organizations.

According to CDC, approximately 1 in 4 women and nearly 1 in 10 men have experienced intimate partner violence, sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime. The National Domestic Violence Hotline saw a 6% increase in contacts for the month of March, and 15% increase in April, compared to 2019.

Since the onset of the pandemic, domestic violence rates in the Silver State have surged, along an escalation in severity of abuse. Understanding why as a community helps understand the mechanisms required to keep victims safe and continue to lower the homicide rate.

There are community and nationwide resources available if you or someone you know needs help. Domestic violence can touch anyone, anywhere, and at any time. But it is not inevitable. There is hope. Talking with someone about your situation can save your life.



- [Nevada Community Resources:](#) Offers programs that provide immediate assistance to women and men who have experienced domestic abuse.
- [Nevada Victims of Crime Programs:](#) Provides immediate financial assistance to qualified victims of violent crimes.
- [Nevada Domestic Violence Programs:](#) Advocates for the prevention and elimination of domestic and sexual violence through partnering with communities.
- [National Domestic Violence Hotline:](#) Helps victims and survivors of domestic violence Call (800) 799- 7233 or text LOVEIS to (866) 331-9474, TTY 1-800-787-3224.
- [SafeNest:](#) Provides crisis services to anyone experiencing abuse. Call/Text: (702) 646-4981.
- [National Sexual Assault Hotline:](#) Call (800) 656-HOPE (4673)
- [Crisis Support Services:](#) Call 1-800-273-8255; text CARE to 839863 for 24/7/365 crisis services.
- [SafeVoice:](#) Provides students a safe place to submit tips concerning their own safety or that of others. Call 1-833-216-SAFE (7233) Available 24/7/365. Tips always stay anonymous.
- [Children's Mobile Crisis Team:](#) Supports youth and families of youth in crisis over the phone so that the proper care is given. Support includes telephone triage, crisis response, crisis stabilization, and after care. Rural and Southern NV - (702) 486-7865 Northern NV - (775) 688-1670
- [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:](#) Offers you or someone you know with emotional support, for helpful resources call 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Lifeline is free, confidential.
- [Veterans Crisis Line:](#) Supports veterans in crisis and their families and friends (800)273-8255 (press 1) or text 838255. TTY (800) 799-4889



Nevada Department of
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Unemployment Resources

The Division of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) has launched a COVID-19 filing system for Nevada residents who have been affected by the pandemic to receive benefits. This is completely separate from filing; for traditional unemployment insurance benefits. [DETR website](#)

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation a temporary federal program that provides up to 13 weeks of regular unemployment insurance for eligible claimants whose claims have been exhausted.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) a temporary federal program that is part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. PUA is available to Nevada workers who are unemployed, partially unemployed, unable to work or unavailable for work due to the pandemic and who are not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

Pandemic unemployment assistance:

Online:  www.employnv.gov

Phone:  800-603-9681

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 8p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. to Noon



Clark County Job Fair hosted by Nevada DETR in partnership with Jim Gibson and Tick Segerblom and Workforce Connections.

Thursdays in October at 3:30 p.m.

Oct. 8 - Warehouse / Logistics

Oct. 15 - Work from Home

Oct. 22 - Customer Service / Call Center

Oct. 29 - Healthcare

For more information:

www.nvcareercenter.org/fall2020

(702) 636-2346

You MAY BE ELIGIBLE for if:

- Not receiving pay from your employer through no fault of your own extended furlough, shutdowns, layoffs, etc.
- Hours have been reduced, receiving less than \$469 gross earnings per week.
- Self-employed and unable to work during the pandemic

How to apply:

- File online at ui.nv.gov (fastest way)
- File claim before 8 a.m. and after 8 p.m. (best times to file)
- Phone lines reserved for people unable to file online
- File a claim every week until you return to work, weeks begin on Sunday.
- Keep filing weekly claims, even if you are paid that week
- No in-person claims – offices are closed
- Be cautious of scams

Scams and Fraud Alerts

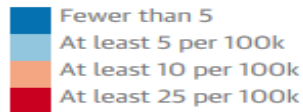
How to File a Complaint.

- **COVID-19 Treatment** – Nationwide marketers making unsubstantiated claims that their products and therapies can prevent or treat COVID-19. [FTC Details.](#)
- **Unemployment Insurance** – You may be prosecuted for felony theft. Collecting benefits based on false, misreported, or unreported information is fraud. If you are filing or reopening a claim, or certifying for benefits, you are legally responsible to follow the requirements set by State law. [File an UI claim](#) [File an UI Fraud Report](#)
- **Government Grants** - Scammers ask you to complete a grant application and request your bank account information to transfer funds.
- **Contact Tracers** – Tracers need health information. Don't pay, give out your social security number or financial info to a contact tracer.
- **CDC or WHO** - Watch for emails and calls claiming to be from a government agency. Don't click on links from sources you don't know.
- **PPE Supplies** - Before you order from a supply company; research the company, know the terms of the sale, and pay by credit card.
- **WhatsApp/Facebook** - Messages offering money to people in need - through grants, coupons for food support, or other giveaways. They're fake, and not from those companies.
- **Stimulus Packages** - Don't give out your social security number, bank account, or credit card number to receive your payment.
- **Job Opportunities** - Scammers pay for online ads, promising you ways to earn money online. But [do your research](#) before you sign up and certainly before you pay. [Avoid job scams](#)
- **Mortgage** - It's illegal for companies to charge you before they help you with [your mortgage](#). Talk with a [legal services organization](#) first.
- **Donations** - Do your homework. Never donate in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money.
- **Utility Imposter** – Utility companies don't make demands for cash. Legitimate reps will explain how to make a payment using their established payment options/programs.
- **Rate Schemes** - It is illegal for a company to charge a fee before performing a debt relief service. Report credit card interest schemes to: [FTC complaint](#)
- **Students** - Don't click on a link to get a message that needs to be opened through a portal link requiring your university login. It's a [phishing scam](#).

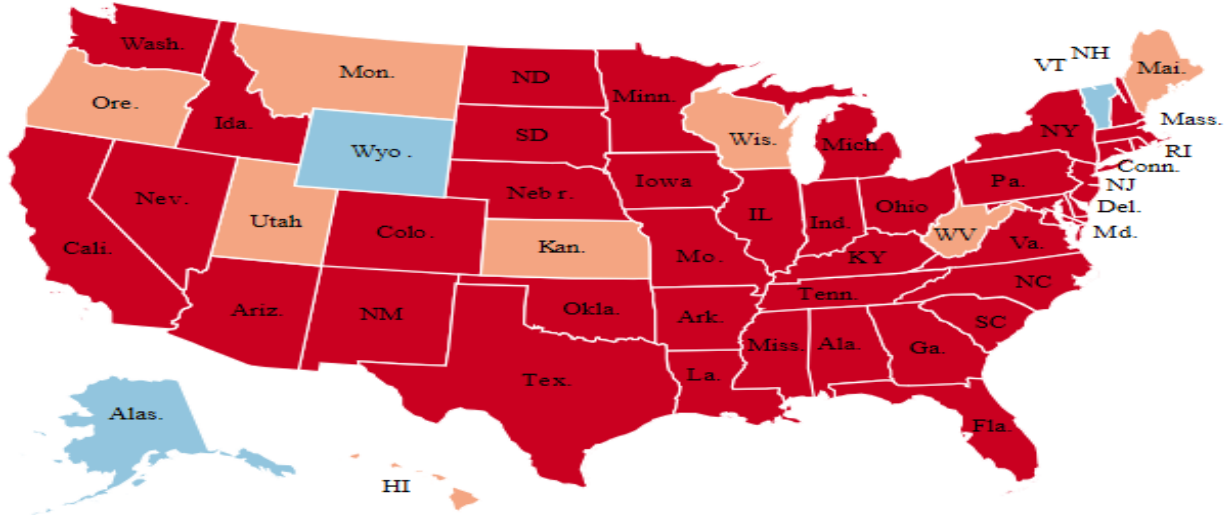


USA COVID -19 Data


Number of confirmed Covid-19 deaths per 100,000 Americans



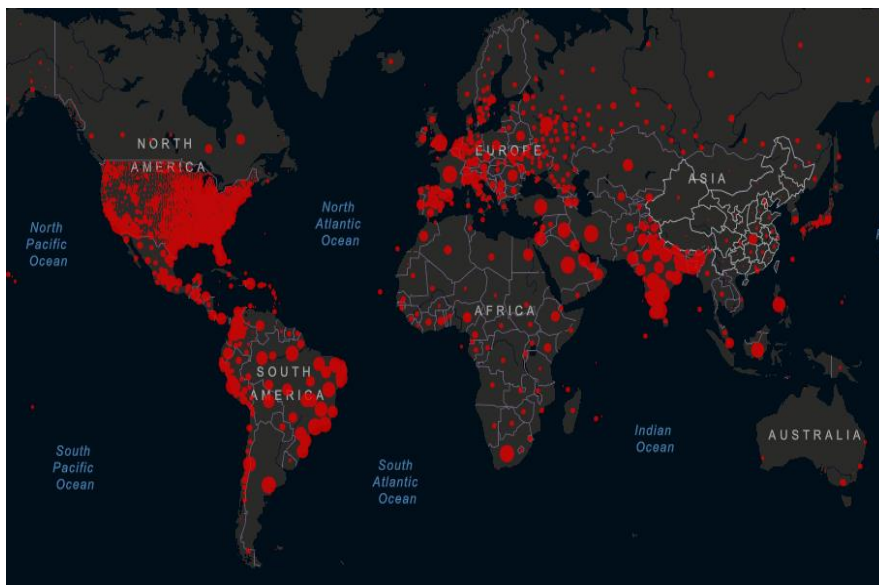
Confirmed Cases: 7,299,080
Deaths: 208,191



U.S. State Department – Travel Advisory

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- [U.S. Department of State - Travel Advisories](#)
 - [Update on U.S. Passport Operations](#)
 - [COVID -19 Travel Information](#)
 - [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#)

Worldwide COVID-19 Data



Total Confirmed Cases
34,423,675

Total Deaths
1,024,958

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